

# ONCIX Privacy Notice

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## Privacy Notice

The Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive (ONCIX) is committed to protecting your privacy and will collect no personal information about you unless you choose to provide that information to us.

### ***If you simply browse our Web site:***

When you visit the ONCIX Web site to browse the information it contains, you do so anonymously unless you choose to provide us information about yourself. If you do nothing during your visit but browse through the Web site—reading pages, viewing photographs, or downloading information, for example—we will gather and store certain information about your visit automatically. **This information does not identify you personally.**

This gathering and storing of information is separate from the activity described as monitoring in our Security Notice.

Information gathered automatically is used for only two purposes: site management and, in the case of suspected unauthorized activity, for law enforcement and possible criminal prosecution (see Security Notice).

The ONCIX Web site automatically logs visitor information from which summary statistics are created. We use the summary statistics to help us make our site more useful to visitors, such as assessing what information is of the most and least interest to visitors, and for other purposes such as determining the site's technical design specifications and identifying system performance or problem areas.

The following are representative of the types of information automatically collected and stored about your visit to the ONCIX Web site:

- the Internet domain and Internet Protocol (IP) address from which you access our site.
- the type of Internet browser and the operating system of the computer you use to access our site.
- the date and time you visit our site.
- the pages you visit on our site.
- The address of any third-party Web site(s) you may have used to link to our site.
- The address and search term(s) you may have used if you linked to our site using a search Web site or tool.

## ***If you subscribe to the ONCIX Web Site Notification Service:***

If you choose to provide us with your e-mail address to subscribe to the ONCIX Web Site Update Service, we will use that information only to send you e-mail notices of substantive updates to our Web site.

- We will not share your e-mail address with any third party, other than as described below in our Security Notice.
- We do not create individual profiles with the information that you have provided.
- Under no circumstances will we give your e-mail address to any private organization, commercial or otherwise.
- If you unsubscribe to the ONCIX Web Site Update service, your e-mail address will be purged from our mailing list. Periodically, we will validate e-mail addresses; any that are found to be inactive will be purged from our mailing list.

## **Privacy Act Statement:**

**Authorities:** 50 U.S.C. 403-1; 50 U.S.C. 403-3(d); 50 U.S.C. 403a-g.

**Principal Uses:** Information collected via the ONCIX Web site is used to provide e-mail notifications of substantive updates to the ONCIX Web site to subscribers who request this service.

**Routine Uses:** Information collected via the ONCIX Web site may be provided to law enforcement agencies as described in our Security Notice.

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The ONCIX Web site does **NOT** use the "cookies" that some Web sites use to gather and store information about your visits to their sites.

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Unauthorized attempts to modify any information stored on this system, to defeat or circumvent security features, or to utilize this system for other than its intended purposes are prohibited and may result in criminal prosecution.

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## **Links to Other Sites**

Our Web site has links to other US Government agencies, and in some cases, we link to private organizations. Once you leave our site, you are subject to the disclaimers and security and privacy policies of the new site.

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### **Computer Fraud & Abuse Act**

Unauthorized attempts to upload information and/or change information on the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive Web site is strictly prohibited and is subject to prosecution under Title 18 U.S.C., Sections 1001 and 1030 (see [Security Notice](#)).

### **For More Information**

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